

Dear Chairman Cohen Gresco and Distinguished Members of the Environmental Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill No. 5145 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PORTABLE WASTEWATER CONTAINERS.

We have been seasonal campers at Water's Edge Campground in Connecticut for 6 years now. When we had began camping, it took us time to get used to maintaining and taking care of our camper as well as the regular operations of the our campground. Part of our regular maintenance of our camper was emptying our wastewater into our blue tank for disposal. Doing so allowed us the opportunity to empty it regularly, clean it out and minimize any odors created from this process. A few years ago, we were informed that we needed to have it emptied by the campground. This resulted in increased fees and odors, less frequent pumping, and decreased our ability to efficiently clean our tanks. Also with the increase in odors, we use more chemicals to mask any unpleasant odors. Ultimately, this also affects our environment.

Please consider passing Bill No. 5145. In doing so, our environment would have less of a negative impact, camping would be more affordable, and we can enjoy a family activity that we have come to love so much. Thank you in advance for your consideration of Bill No. 5145.

Sincerely,
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